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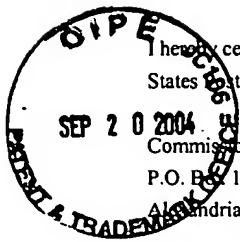
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Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report dated July 8, 2004, which was issued in conjunction with corresponding PCT application no. PCT/US03/29708, and in which these references were cited.

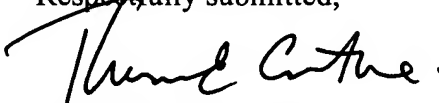
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